

To Worship

(The Purpose of The Church Series - #6)

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Review

The Church IS the body of Christ –

“called out” to work His will on earth.

Jesus came to seek and save what was lost.

Jesus lived IN the world, but was never a part OF the world.

Jesus commanded his followers to love one another.

Every member has a responsibility to build up The Body.

Exodus 3:12 – God to Moses

When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.

Acts 24:11 - Paul

I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

John 4:21 – Jesus to the Samaritan woman

A time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

Acts 20:7 – Luke

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul preached to the people...

God has always expected His people to assemble and worship.

2 Risky Ideas about Worship...

#1: All of _____ is worship.

#2: Worship is for _____.

The PRIMARY Nature of Worship

OT...

abad

to serve (orig. enslavement/bondage)

Ex. 3:12

shachah

prostrate, bow down in reverence

Gen. 18:2

NT...

proskuneo

do reverence to, kiss towards

Jn 4:21

gonupeteo

to bend the knee, attitude of respect

Phil. 2:10

latreuo

to serve, render homage (wages/dues paid)

Phil. 3:3

serbomai

to revere, stressing awe and devotion

Acts 16:14

An Example of Worship

Isaiah 6:1

I saw the Lord

6:5

I am a man of unclean lips...

6:7

...your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for

6:8

Here am I. Send me.

When The Church Worships...

1. We _____ on _____, not _____.

2. We experience a _____ on _____.

Sin is judged

Trivial pursuits are recognized for what they are

Life is viewed in light of eternity

3. _____ and _____ change.

Some SECONDARY Benefits of Worship

The Body is discerned

1 Cor. 11:29,33

Faith is displayed

1 Cor. 11:26

The Word is respected

1 Tim. 4:13

Fellowship and encouragement take place

Heb. 10:25

We can love and build each other up.

Eph. 4:16